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Applicant: Carol Corpus  
Serial No.: 09/344,411  
Filed: June 26, 1999  
For: MULTI-LAYER SURFACE COVERING

**VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(1) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled: MULTI-LAYER SURFACE COVERING described in the specification filed June 26, 1999, Serial No.: 09/344,411.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

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such willful fals : statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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Thomas A. Corpus  
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DATE: 9/27/99



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# DECLARATION and POWER OF ATTORNEY

(JOINT)

We, Carol A. Corpus and Thomas A. Corpus hereby declare that:

Our residence and post office addresses are, respectively:

25539 Hilliard Boulevard, Westlake, OH 44145 and 15035 Forestwood Drive, Strongsville, OH 44136

We are, respectively, citizens of: United States of America.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **MULTI-LAYER SURFACE COVERING**, the specification of which:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto.
- 2) X was filed on June 26, 1999 as Serial No. 09/344,411 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge our duty to disclose to the Office information of which we are aware which is material to patentability. Such information is material to patentability when it is not cumulative to information already of record in the application, and (1) it establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of a claim; or (2) it refutes, or is inconsistent with, a position the applicant takes in: (i) opposing an argument of unpatentability relied on by the Office, or (ii) asserting an argument of patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any corresponding foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

## Prior Foreign Application(s)

## Priority Claimed

(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	(Yes) (No)
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

(Application Number)

(Filing Date)

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, We acknowledge the duty, as stated above, to disclose material information, as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, relating to events which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

_____ (Application Serial No.)	_____ (Filing Date)	_____ (Status-patented, pending, abandoned)
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We hereby designate as our mailing address the office of:

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And we hereby appoint each of the following attorneys, all of whom are associated with Watts, Hoffmann, Fisher & Heinke Co., L.P.A. (Telephone No. 216/241-6700), as attorney of record to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent Office connected therewith: Thomas E. Fisher, Reg. No. 18,271; Lowell L. Heinke, Reg. No. 19,471; James G. Watterson, Reg. No. 20,180; Linn J. Raney, Reg. No. 23,078; John R. Hlavka, Reg. No. 29,076; Stephen J. Schultz, Reg. No. 29,108; Richard A. Sharpe, Reg. No. 34,722; George L. Pinchak, 37,697; Paul A. Serbinowski, 34,429; Robert P. Wright, Reg. No. 18,956 and Peter Hagerty Reg. No. 42,618.

And we hereby appoint the foregoing Paul A. Serbinowski, Reg. No. 34,429, principal attorney.

This appointment shall include all power to prosecute and transact all business relating to all applications corresponding to the referenced application in all countries, including all regional and international patent offices, such as, but not limited to, the European Patent Office and all offices and bureaus established in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

We hereby further designate and appoint any officer of Watts, Hoffmann, Fisher & Heinke Co., L.P.A. our attorney in fact with full power of substitution and revocation, including power to designate a substitute principal attorney.

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